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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5501**
Hirokatsu HAYASHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0004A
Serial No. 10/520,466 : Group Art Unit 1709
Filed January 7, 2005 : Examiner Brittany M. Martinez
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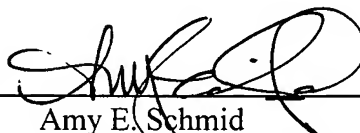
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 3, 2007, constituting a requirement for restriction between Groups (I)-(VII), Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), claims 1 and 2. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Groups (II)-(VII).

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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